

CITY OF SAVANNAH — BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL. **Twenty-nine (29) members** appointed to **three (3) year terms** with **two (2) members** appointed by City Council to represent the City of Savannah on the Coastal Georgia Regional Redevelopment Center Aging Services Advisory Council. The membership of the Aging Services Advisory Council consists of persons over 60 years of age or consumers, aging advocates, other interested individuals, and local elected officials, one whom should be a minority. This Council meets quarterly in Richmond Hill, Georgia and from time to time meets with staff to review budgets, get updates on new programs, and provide input on how current and new programs are developed.

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CAT). This authority consists of members of Chatham County Board of Commissions and **one (1)** citizen member, one of whom is appointed by Council for **term of the administration.**

CHATHAM COUNTY /CITY OF SAVANNAH LANDBANK AUTHORITY. The Inter-local Agreement and By-laws established **four (4) year terms** for board members that reside in Chatham County and be employee or elected officials of Chatham County and/ or the City of Savannah. Board members must also have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in urban planning, real estate, community development, finance or related matters. No term limits. Five members; **Two members (2)** appointed by the Mayor.

CHATHAM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM. A **thirty-member (30)** board with **two (2)** appointed to staggered **three (3) year terms** by City Council. Forum seeks consensus to community environmental issues.

CHATHAM / SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR THE HOMELESS. **Nineteen (19)** members appointed to staggered **four (4) year terms.** **Four (4) appointed** to City Council to develop and oversee implementation of comprehensive plan for public and private agencies to deal effectively with problems of the homeless in our community.

CHATHAM / SAVANNAH YOUTH FUTURES AUTHORITY (FYA). **Twenty-Three (23)** members appointed to staggered **four (4) year terms.** **Four (4) appointed** by Savannah City Council. Develops and administers a comprehensive plan for public and private agencies to deal effectively with the problem of youth in order to achieve YFA's goals in our community.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. **Three (3)** members appointed to staggered **six (6) year terms** by City Council. Basic function is to hear appeals from disciplinary action against an employee when it is alleged the action is taken for political or religious reasons. The labor Seat should be filled by someone who is not a management-level employee: this person does not have to be member of a labor union. Chatham County resident for at least five (5) years. No term limits.

COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. **Thirty (30)** members, with **seven (7)** appointed by City Council to **two (2) year terms.** Responsible for advising the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Policy Committee on matters of public opinion concerning study findings and recommendations.

COASTAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB). The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 created Workforce Investment Boards. Charter is to improve workforce quality development, enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the workforce and to reduce welfare dependency. The composition of the WIB is made up of individuals serving in both private and public sectors, who have a genuine interest in improving the quality of the region's workforce. Appointments to the WIB are made by the Consortium of Chief Local Elected Officials within Region 20 which includes Bryan, Glynn, Chatham, Long, Bulloch, Camden, Effingham, Liberty and McIntosh counties. The term of membership is **three (3) years.** Appointed can live in the City/County.

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS BOARD: **Nine (9) members** appointed to fill staggered **three year (3) terms** by City Council. Must be City resident; no term limits. Three (3) appointees must be qualified in the fields of architecture and/or structural engineering. Hear appeals where errors are alleged and other matters affecting property subject to procedures set forth in the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: **Eighteen (18) members** appointed to staggered **three (3) year terms** by City Council. Advisory body charged with the responsibility of recommending a comprehensive plan and program for a community cultural arts services program. **No more than 2 consecutive, three (3) year terms.**

DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH AUTHORITY. **Five (5) members,** including Mayor or member of City Council serving his/her term of office and **four (4) City residents** appointed to **4-year terms** by City Council, as well as a member of Chatham County Delegation to the GA Legislature. Encourages construction of new parking facilities and provides financial incentives for private projects which have economic benefits to the downtown area.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY. **Twenty-five (25) members,** with **eight (8)** seat public sector participation, **four (4)** appointed by City Council for **five (5) year terms** and **four (4)** appointed by the County. Seeks to reduce conditions that cause poverty by working directly with poverty-level individuals throughout Chatham County.

ELECTRICAL APPEALS AND ADVISORY BOARD. On recommendation from the Mayor, **seven (7) members** are appointed **four (4) year terms** by City Council: four (4) licensed electrical contractors; one (1) registered consulting electrical engineer, and one electrical contractor. All members shall have no less than six (6) years experience in professional field. Determines appeals to decision of the electrical inspectors of the City.

ETHICS BOARD. The board will hear and conduct review of complaints filed against elected officials of the City; if such complaints involve impropriety of elected officials and violation of the provisions of the Ethics Ordinance, and if such violations affected the elected official's ability to carry out his/her official duties. Members shall be known for their personal integrity. The Mayor shall appoint one (1) member; the Aldermen shall appoint one (1) member; together the Mayor and Aldermen shall appoint one (1) member who shall be an attorney in good standing with the State bar. Members must reside in the City and not be an elected official or City employee. Board members shall be prohibited from engaging in City election, political activities, and from making campaign contributions to candidates in City elections during their terms as board members. Members shall serve a four (4) year term. Three (3) terms are available for appointment.

GREATER SAVANNAH INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE. The Greater Savannah International Alliance shall consist of **19 members** all of whom shall be approved by vote of the Mayor and Aldermen. The term of office for each member of the Greater Savannah International Alliance shall be **three (3) years,** and **no member shall serve for more than two consecutive, three (3) year terms.** The members of the Greater Savannah International Alliance shall be a demographically broad representation of the community and economy in the Savannah Metropolitan Area with an interest in international issues.

HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW. **Eleven (11) members** appointed to **three (3) year terms** by Savannah City Council including one small business owner with an architectural background. Makes decisions on new construction and any changes to historic structures in the City's Historic District.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. **One (1) member** appointed to a **three (3) year term** by Savannah City Council. The appointee can be reappointed for consecutive terms. The appointee should be a well-acquainted member of the community and have knowledge in some of the following areas: national register nomination, historic tax incentives, streetscapes and urban design, historical research and surveys or presentation.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH. Established pursuant to general law O.C.G.A. 8-3-1 et seq. which creates a Housing Authority for each City and County. The general law provides for a governing body of **five (5)** Commissioners serving a **five (5) year term** with one (1) appointment each year. Vacancies are filled for the unexpired terms. Commissioners serve until a successor is named. The terms begin, on **January 5th of each year.** Any appointment after January 5th would be for the remainder of the term expiring on January 5th. The General Assembly of 1994 repealed all special legislation providing for additional Commissioners and Residents, thus the only Commissions are the **five (5)** Regular Commissioners appointed pursuant to general law.

KEEP SAVANNAH BEAUTIFUL. **Twenty-five (25) members** appointed to **three (3) year terms** by City Council. Shall include representatives from the news media, businesses, City government, civic associations, and neighborhood groups. No term limits. An advisory board that works with the City in developing a program to control litter and assist beautification efforts on streets, sidewalks, parks, and private property.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION (MPC). **Twelve (12) members** appointed to staggered **three (3) year terms** with six (6) appointments made by City Council and the City Manager serving. No term limits. Aided by professional staff, this commission makes studies of present and future development; assists local government in translating study results into plans, policies and programs; recommends zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations.

PARK AND TREE COMMISSION. **Nine (9) members** appointed to **staggered three (3) year terms** by City Council. Must be a City resident. Term Limit: no member may serve more than **three**, consecutive **three (3) year terms**. Charged with directing the activities related to the parks, squares, grass plats, trees, and flowers of the city; the planting and caring for.

PENSION BOARD. **Eight (8) members**, including one member of City Council and two residents appointed to **staggered four (4) year terms** by City Council. Also serving are the City Manager, the City's Chief Financial Officer and three employee-elected representatives. Administers the City of Savannah Employee Retirement Plan.

PILOTAGE COMMISSION. **Seven (7) members** appointed for staggered **seven (7) year terms** by City Council. No term limits. Appointees must include shipping agents, exports, merchants, or others engaged on or familiar with marine shipping and the requirements of the Port of Savannah. Licenses pilots, prescribes rules and regulations, sets fees and imposes penalties, sets and collects penalties for vessels refusing to take pilots or mistreating pilots. Appointees cannot be pilots.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT BOARD OF APPEALS. The board of appeals shall consist of a minimum of **three (3) members, serving four (4) year terms**, who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance and who are not employees of the jurisdiction. The code official shall be an ex-officio member but shall have no voting rights on any matter before the board. The board shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority and shall serve **staggered four (4) year terms**.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION. Five members appointed to **staggered five (5) year terms** by City Council. Responsible for the operation, development and maintenance of municipal airport; an independent authority with its own staff and revenue sources.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM BOARD OF HEALTH. To determine the health needs and resources by collecting, analyzing and evaluating health data pertaining to the health of the community and assuring compliance to local and state requirements. **Two (2) members** appointed to **four (4) year terms**.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNCIL OF DISABILITY ISSUES. The Savannah/Chatham Council on Disability Issues shall facilitate and coordinate community efforts to improve the quality of life for citizens with disabilities for the City of Savannah and Chatham County through advising and advocating local leaders. The Council shall be composed of **ten (10) members** with representation balanced among the business community, human service providers, and consumers (i.e., citizens with disabilities). At least one-half of members shall be persons with physical or mental disabilities. Members shall serve a **two (2) year staggered term**, with eligibility for reappointment to a **second consecutive two (2) year term**.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS COMMISSIONS (HS&M). **Five (5) members** appointed to **staggered five (5) year terms** by City Council. No term limits. Citizen of Chatham County. Recommends plan and cost estimates for the erection of any monuments or substantial restoration of same in the City or County and may hold title and pay for same.

SAVANNAH CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB). To facilitate communication between Savannah City Council and the CVB. City Council in 1992 elected to appoint one of its members to sit with the CVB during their regular meetings.

SAVANNAH DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AUTHORITY (SDRA). **Twenty –five (25) members** appointed to **four (4) year terms**. City residents; no term limits. Develops recommendations to City Council for revitalization of Savannah's downtown including comprehensive planning, beautification, marketing, etc.

SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SEDA). **Eighteen (18) members, six (6) appointed** by City Council, serving **staggered five (5) year terms**. No term limits. Eligible for re-appointment. Conducts a program of industrial and port development for the City of Savannah and Chatham County and is self-funded. No one holding public office or receiving compensation from either public entity can serve.

SAVANNAH FILM COMMISSION. **Nineteen (19) member** board for a **four (4) year term**. City Council appoints nine citizens from the community, four representatives from the motion picture and television industry and one representative from small business. One ex-officio is appointed by the Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, one ex-officio by the President of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and one member of the State Film Commission, ex-officio. The term of office for ex-officio members shall be for the term of office in the organization they represent. Advises and assists the film director in developing a program for responding to inquiries from production companies about filming in the community. Term Limits: Not more than **two consecutive four-year terms**.

SAVANNAH HOSPITAL AUTHORITY. Seven (7) members appointed to staggered four (4) year terms by City Council. Arranges the contractual agreements between Candler General Hospital and purchases of hospital authority bonds used to finance the building of their complex off DeRenne.

SAVANNAH RECREATION COMMISSION. Twelve (12) members are appointed to three (3) year terms by City Council and are eligible for reappointment. Serves as an advisory body on recreational programs and facilities.

SAVANNAH RESOURCE RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Consisting of five (5) members appointed for four (4) year terms. No term limits; resident of Chatham County. Membership includes: An Alderman, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Sanitation Director, and a citizen.

SAVANNAH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Five (5) members appointed to staggered three-year (3) terms by City Council. No term limits. Must be a City resident. Members cannot hold public office, except for one appointee who must be a current member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Board hears and rules on appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator and hears and rules on requests for permits which require the board's approval.

TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Creation and composition. There is hereby created a tourism advisory committee, which shall consist of **13 members** appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen. One shall be a representative of the lodging industry; one shall be a representative of a tour company; one shall be a member of the Savannah Visitors Bureau; one shall be a representative from a Historic District museum or attraction; two shall be members of the Downtown Neighborhood Association; two shall be members of Historic Savannah Foundation; one shall be a representative of the food, beverage and/or retail industries; one shall be at-large with demonstrated knowledge of the history and/or architecture of the Historic District; two shall be residents at-large and one shall be a member at-large (As per ordinance approval in 2007).

TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE. The Traffic Calming Committee shall consist of nine (9) members all of whom shall be approved by vote of the Mayor and Aldermen. The term of office for each member of the Traffic Calming Committee shall be three years, except that of those members first appointed, **three shall be appointed for one (1) year, three for two (2) years, and three for three (3) years**. When the terms of these first appointed shall expire, their successors shall be appointed for three-year terms. A member of the Traffic Calming Committee shall not serve for more than two consecutive, three year terms. The members of the Traffic Calming Committee shall be a demographically broad representation of the community in the Savannah Metropolitan Area with an interest in Traffic Calming. Committee members must live in the City limits of Savannah.

UNITED WAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. A member of City Council is appointed for a one-year (1) term to this approximately 200 members board. Trustees meet annually to vote on their Board of Directors and officers for the United Way of the Coastal Empire.